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**Brief Summary of Selected Substantive Portions of this Response**

[0001] In a telephone discussion on 11 June 2008, Examiner Khakhar indicated that the proposed amendments would overcome the 101 rejections. He also discussed amendments to overcome the 102 rejections. Amendments are presented herein based on the discussion with the Examiner.

**[0002]** This brief summary is not intended to represent the Applicant's full response to the Action. Rather, it is merely a brief summary of selected substantive portions of the response herein.